

I am appalled at the loss of even the pretense of objective news reporting that has been brought about by media consolidation. While I trusted the news to at least attempt to present a "fair and balanced" view, that has clearly not been the case for some time, and is a direct result of the greater consolidation of power with large companies.

News organizations and broadcasters receive free access to the public airwaves. In return, there must be some effort to serve the public good by providing news as a service. Instead, we see a clear fixation on the bottom line and on turning "news" shows into blatant partisan advertising.

The recent decision of the Sinclair group to force its affiliates to supercede their regular programming to broadcast a partisan commercial only days before the election epitomizes this trend. I hope that the FCC will take action to assure that some standards are applied to those allowed to use our airwaves in the future.